(b) and (c) Based on the expert referees' suggestions and comments, some suggested modifications in Dr. Mukherjees' draft manuscript were forwarded to him for his consideration in March, 2003. These were, however, not agreed to by him.

Mistake in History book for class XII

†635. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI JIBON ROY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the gross mistakes incorporated in the History book for class XII, titled "Modern India" published by NCERT;

(b) who is the writer of the book; and

(c) what actions Government propose to rectify such distortion of historical facts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA):(a) to (c) Attention of the NCERT has been drawn through newspaper reports to some inaccuracies and errors in the NCERT History textbook for class XII titled "Modern India", authored by Satish Chandra Mittal, retired Professor of History, Kurukshetra University, Haryana. These are mainly editorial errors including some mistakes in the dates and names, which have inadvertently crept in.

In tune with NCERT's policy to constantly review its textbooks and remove any deficiencies in them, any errors in the book in question, will be rectified when the reprint version of the book is published.

Private self-financing professional colleges in Kerala

636. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recognised a few engineering and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

medical colleges in Kerala under private self-financing professional colleges recently;

(b) if so, the details of total seats and seats available on the basis of merit for engineering and medical in the private self-financing professional colleges as on date, category-wise;

(c) the fees fixed for students admitted based on merit in private self-financing medical colleges and engineering colleges, category-wise;

(d) whether Government have formulated or propose to formulate guidelines for fixing merit quota and fixing fees in these colleges:

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), they have granted approval for establishment of 10 new Engineering Colleges in the State of Kerala for the year 2003-2004 with an intake of 2280 students. The total AICTE approved intake in the existing Degree level Engineering College in the State upto 30th June, 2003 was 20,003.

(c) and (f) As per the judgement of the hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of *T.M.A. Pai Foundation versus State of Karnataka and others,* there shall be no 'Payment' or 'Free' category of seats in Professional Institutes. The Interim Policy Regulations notified by AICTE on 20th March, 2003 provides that, for the acedemic year 2003-2004, State Government are to decide fee structure for the Institutions in their respective States. The Interim Regulations also provide that the prescription of percentage of seats that can be reserved for admission by the mangement of technical institutions has to be made by State Governments, not exceeding 15% of the sanctioned intake.

Information pertaining to medical Colleges is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.